

# Legal Aspects of Pandemic Influenza: A Tabletop Exercise

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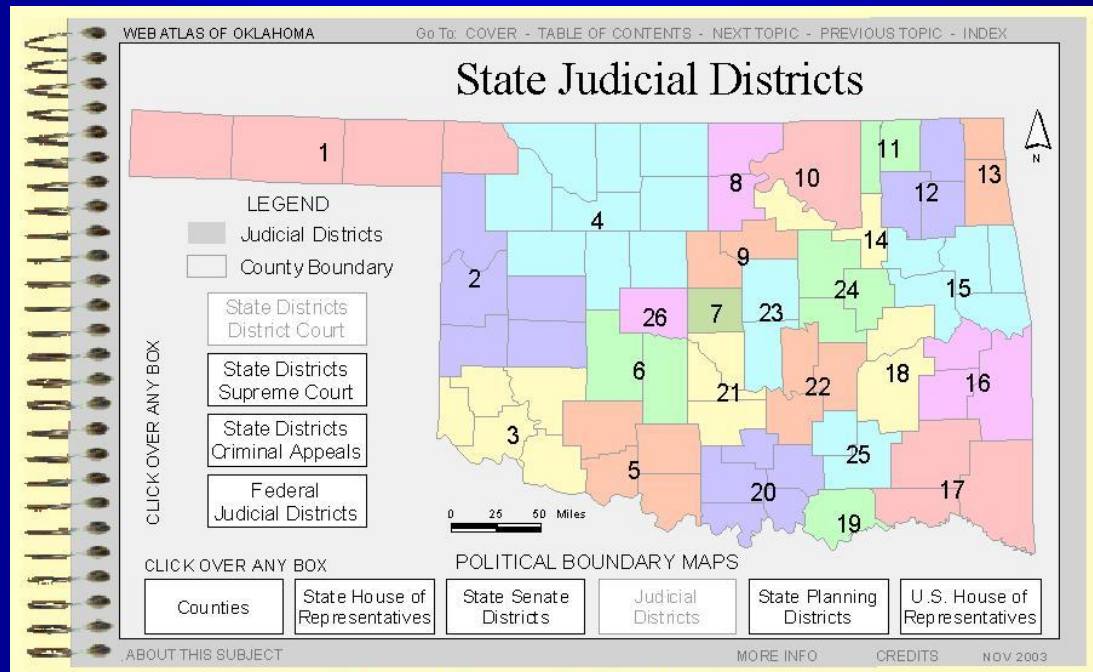
# Background

- ❖ Carter County, Ardmore, Oklahoma
- ❖ Proactive Pandemic Influenza Planning
- ❖ District Judge interest
- ❖ Previous Pandemic Influenza Exercises



# Bench Book

- ❖ Created by Judge Walker, District Judge of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court District



# Bench Book (continued)

- ❖ Contents
  - ❖ Introduction
  - ❖ Planning Assumptions
  - ❖ Administrative Responsibilities
  - ❖ Personal Health
  - ❖ Court Orders



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# Court Orders

- ❖ Acquisition of health care products
- ❖ Authorizing regulation of health care products
- ❖ Destruction of property
- ❖ Disclosure of public health information



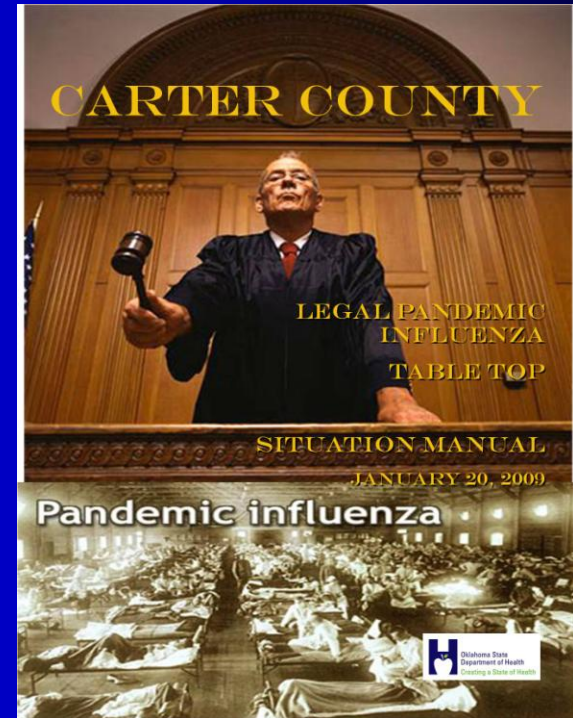
# Court Orders (continued)

- ❖ Disposal of contaminated waste
- ❖ Disposal of human remains
- ❖ Establishment of an alternate care site
- ❖ Quarantine



# Tabletop Exercise

- ❖ January 20, 2009
- ❖ Planning
- ❖ Participants
- ❖ Objectives
- ❖ After Action Report



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# Planning Team

- ❖ Region 3 Preparedness & Response Team
- ❖ County Health Administrator
- ❖ General Council, Director
- ❖ Training & Exercise Coordinator



# Participants

- ❖ Emergency Management
- ❖ Fire Department
- ❖ Mental Health Professionals
- ❖ Public School System
- ❖ County Commissioners
- ❖ District Attorney's Office
- ❖ Sheriff's Department
- ❖ Health Department
- ❖ Chickasaw Nation



# Participants (continued)

- ❖ City Government
- ❖ Municipal Court
- ❖ Funeral Directors
- ❖ Hospitals
- ❖ Medical Reserve Corps
- ❖ Regional Medical Response System
- ❖ Local Attorney's



# Exercise Objectives

- ❖ Identify the roles and responsibilities of local decision makers in Carter County
- ❖ Identify the legal aspects of Pandemic Influenza Planning
- ❖ Assess the validity of the Carter County Bench Book in reference to a pandemic influenza event
- ❖ Identify the next steps in the planning process



# Target Capabilities Assessed

- ❖ Fatality Management
- ❖ Isolation and Quarantine
- ❖ Medical Supplies Management and Distribution





# Exercise Evaluation

- ❖ Evaluators:
  - ❖ Training and Exercise Coordinator, OSDH
  - ❖ General Council Director, OSDH
  - ❖ Regional Preparedness Nurse
- ❖ Participant Feedback Forms
  - ❖ Filled out by all participants
  - ❖ Observers comments



# After Action Report

- ❖ Strengths:
  - ❖ First Legal Aspects Tabletop for any preparedness event
  - ❖ Good attendance of community decision makers
  - ❖ Representation from county and state levels active involvement



# After Action Report

- ❖ Areas for Improvement:
  - ❖ Communications capabilities
  - ❖ Better address mandating social distancing /quarantine/isolation
  - ❖ Identification of essential staff, services, and alternate work modalities



# Additional Lessons Learned

- ❖ Participants wanted to focus on response instead of legal implications
- ❖ Needed to have more representation of local law makers
- ❖ Participants wanted to fight scenario and jump ahead of the process



# Tools available to you

- ❖ Bench Book
- ❖ Exercise Slides
- ❖ Situation Manual
- ❖ Evaluation forms
- ❖ After Action Report



# Questions?



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